

FAQ'S

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1. Will ALL proposals be accepted?

No. Twelve proposals will be selected based on the rubric found in the proposal guidelines. The twelve selected teams will attend the on-site experience during their selected week in April. Announcements will be made on December 13, 2016 at 2:00 pm CT.

2. How will the proposals be down selected?

All proposals will be scored based on the rubric guidelines provided in the proposal.

3. What do I have to pay while attending the on-site experience?

MgUE is funded by STEM Education Accountability Project (SEAP). NASA JSC covers all expenses for travel, lodging, meals, and project supplies while at NASA.

4. Will I have help during the engineering design process of creating the SLED?

All accepted teams will have a NASA mentor assigned to help their teams with the design and building phases. The mentor is only there to guide the teams.

5. What is expected of my NASA mentor?

The NASA mentor is only to help guide the teams. The NASA Mentor is not expected to create or build the SLED mechanism.

6. How large can my SLED team be?

The SLED team should select 5 primary educators that will travel to Johnson Space Center (JSC) if selected to test their SLED designs on the Precision Air Bearing Floor (PABF). Other educators, faculty, students, and community members are encouraged to help with the activity, but will not travel to JSC. These team members can participate virtually through our Digital Learning Network (DLN).

7. Can ONLY U.S. Citizens participate in this activity?

ONLY U.S. Citizens can participate.

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8. Is MgUE ONLY for Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math (STEM) Educators?

All teachers can apply, but the rubric calls for formal, K-12 STEM educators from different grade levels and/or school districts.

9. How do I form a team of 5 members when my school district is small and cannot afford to let all teachers go to the on-site experience?

Teams must be composed of 5 members. Team make-up can be with other school districts in your area to form a full team.

10. Can my team use educators from other school districts?

YES.

11. What is the timeline for the activity if selected?

Date:	
12/1/2016	Proposal Deadline
12/13/2017	Proposal Acceptance and Declination Letters Sent
1/17/2017—3/31/2017	Online Course (6 nights, 1 –1.5 hour sessions)
4/2/2017—4/7/2017	First Onsite Session
4/9/2017—4/14/2017	Second Onsite Session
4/14/2017—5/3/2017	Outreach Plans

13. How many kits do selected teams receive after the selection process?

One. SLED Kits were purposely created with household items that are affordable and replicable.